

At 11:24 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5932. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2801 Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey, Louisiana, as the "Harry Lee Post Office Building".

H.R. 6197. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7095 Highway 57 in Counce, Tennessee, as the "Pickwick Post Office Building".

H.R. 6489. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 4th Street in Lake Oswego, Oregon, as the "Judie Hammerstad Post Office Building".

H.R. 6558. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 Lundy Avenue in San Jose, California, as the "Gordon N. Chan Post Office Building".

H.R. 6585. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 311 Southwest 2nd Street in Corvallis, Oregon, as the "Helen Berg Post Office Building".

H.R. 6834. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4 South Main Street in Wallingford, Connecticut, as the "CWO Richard R. Lee Post Office Building".

H.R. 6837. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7925 West Russell Road in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Private First Class Irving Joseph Schwartz Post Office Building".

H.R. 6859. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1501 South Slappey Boulevard in Albany, Georgia, as the "Dr. Walter Carl Gordon, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 6902. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 513 6th Avenue in Dayton, Kentucky, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas Ray Carnes Post Office".

H.R. 6982. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 South Ellsworth Avenue in San Mateo, California, as the "Leo J. Ryan Post Office Building".

H.R. 7081. An act to approve the United States-India Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7082. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to disclose certain prisoner return information to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7083. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance charitable giving and improve disclosure and tax administration.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 3015. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18 S. G Street, Lakeview, Oregon, as the "Dr. Bernard Daly Post Office Building".

S. 3082. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Reverend Earl Abel Post Office Building".

S. 3477. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following

concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 360. Concurrent resolution recognizing the important social and economic contributions and accomplishments of the New Deal to our Nation on the 75th anniversary of legislation establishing the initial New Deal social and public works programs.

H. Con. Res. 376. Concurrent resolution congratulating the 2007-2008 National Basketball Association World Champions, the Boston Celtics, on an outstanding and historic season.

H. Con. Res. 378. Concurrent resolution expressing support for designation of September 6, 2008, as Louisa Swain Day.

H. Con. Res. 429. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of the United States wine industry to the American economy.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 84. Concurrent resolution honoring the memory of Robert Mondavi.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 928) to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2786) to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5265) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal, muscular dystrophies.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6063) to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

At 12:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3174. An act to amend titles 28 and 10, United States Code, to allow for certiorari review of certain cases denied relief or review by the United States court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

H.R. 6146. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit recognition and enforcement of foreign defamation judgments.

H.R. 6838. An act to establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety.

H.R. 7084. An act to amend section 114 of title 17, United States Code, to provide for agreements for the reproduction and performance of sound recordings by webcasters.

H.R. 7177. An act to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill,

with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 431. An act to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 426. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Minority AIDS Initiative.

At 12:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 100. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress and establishing the date for the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast by the electors in December 2008.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3229. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

H.R. 5265. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal, muscular dystrophies.

H.R. 5872. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 29, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 496. An act to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

S. 1046. An act to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

S. 1382. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1810. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions.

S. 2482. An act to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of Florida.

S. 2606. An act to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2932. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States.

S. 3009. An act to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building".

S. 3560. To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide additional funds for the qualifying individual (QI) program, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8111. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluid Milk Substitutions in the School Nutrition Programs" (RIN0584-AD58) received September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8112. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John R. Wood, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8113. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Benjamin S. Griffin, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8114. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((Docket No. FEMA-8041)(73 FR 53748)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8115. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((Docket No. FEMA-B-1005)(73 FR 53750)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8116. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(73 FR 54321)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8117. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((73 FR 53747)(Docket No. FEMA-8039)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8118. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, De-

partment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; End of the Pacific Whiting Primary Season for the Catcher-processor; Mothership and Shore-based Sectors" (RIN0648-XK03) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8119. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of Medicare Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2005" received September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8120. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance regarding WHFITs" (Notice 2008-77) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8121. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-154-2008-163); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8122. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a discontinuation of service in acting role, designation of an acting officer, and nomination for the position of Inspector General; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8123. A communication from General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "AmeriCorps National Service Program" (RIN3045-AA23) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8124. A communication from Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Communicable Diseases; Restrictions on African Rodents, Prairie Dogs, and Certain Other Animals" ((Docket No. FDA-2003-N-0427)(21 CFR Parts 16 and 1240)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8125. A communication from the Deputy Director for Operations, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8126. A communication from the Senior Vice President, Public Policy, Advocacy and the Research Institute, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Girl Scouts of the USA 2007 Annual Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-436. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Alaska urging Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, development, and production; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, in 16 U.S.C. 3142 (sec. 1002 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)), the United States Congress reserved the right to permit further oil and gas exploration, development, and production within the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas the oil and gas industry, the state, and the United States Department of the Interior consider the Arctic coastal plain to have the highest potential for discovery of very large oil and gas accumulations on the continent of North America, estimated to include as much as 10,000,000,000 barrels of recoverable oil and significant amounts of natural gas; and

Whereas, while new oil and natural gas field developments on the North Slope of Alaska, such as Alpine, Northstar, and West Sak, may temporarily slow the decline in production, only giant coastal plain fields have the theoretical capability of increasing the production volume of Alaska oil and gas to a significant degree; and

Whereas the state's future energy independence would be enhanced with additional natural gas production from the North Slope of Alaska, including what are expected to be significant gas reserves in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and the development of those reserves would enhance the economic viability of the proposed Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; and

Whereas the proposed Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline and the Trans Alaska Pipeline System are transportation facilities that will be and are national assets that are integral to satisfying the present and future needs of the United States; and

Whereas the "1002 study area" is part of the coastal plain located within the North Slope Borough, and many of the residents of the North Slope Borough, who are predominantly Inupiat Eskimo, are supportive of development in the "1002 study area"; and

Whereas enhancements in technology can be used in a manner that minimizes the area within the refuge that is used for exploration and development, while providing the nation with a needed supply of oil and gas; and

Whereas the oil and gas industry is using innovative technology and environmental practices in the new field developments at Alpine and Northstar, and those techniques are directly applicable to operating on the coastal plain and would enhance environmental protection beyond traditionally high standards; and

Whereas the oil and gas industry has shown at Prudhoe Bay, as well as at other locations along the Arctic coastal plain, that it is capable of conducting oil and gas activity without adversely affecting the environment or wildlife populations; and

Whereas opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge now allows sufficient time for planning environmental safeguards, development, and national security review; and

Whereas the state will ensure the continued health and productivity of the Porcupine caribou herd and the protection of land, water, and wildlife resources during the exploration and development of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas 8,900,000 of the 19,000,000 acres of the refuge have already been set aside as wilderness; and